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Hello Families!

My name is Tara Kelly and I am excited to be your child's first grade teacher! This is my 15th year at the Perry School - with the bulk of it teaching Special Education. This will be my third year teaching first grade and I absolutely love it! I was born and raised here in South Boston, so it makes teaching at the Perry School that much more special. I now live in the St. Brendan's neighborhood in Dorchester with my husband and 3 children.

I would like to know a little about your child before the first day of school (through your eyes) so that I can better support them. I would appreciate it if you could fill out this "Getting To Know You" questionnaire and email it back to me at tkelly3@bostonpublicschools.org. This will help me get better acquainted with your child even before we get to know each other in the classroom.

I can not wait to meet the amazing first grade scholars and I'm excited to share my passion and knowledge of early childhood education with you all! If you have any questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

Have a great summer!!!

Sincerely,
Tara Kelly

“Getting To Know You”

Child's name: Child's *Preferred Name* (Nickname):

Student lives with:

_____ Both parents

_____ Single parent - Mother / Father

_____ Guardian (Name & relationship) _____

Siblings and their ages:

Best number & email to reach you at:

Any medical needs or allergies? _____

Daily Medications? _____

Is your child on an IEP? _____

Any languages other than English spoken at home? _____

What holidays do you celebrate? _____

What motivates your child? _____

What upsets your child? _____

4 words to describe your child's personality:

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

List some activities, hobbies, sports your child is most interested or involved in: _____

Favorite food(s) to eat: _____

Favorite song: _____

Favorite book they like to read: _____

What *subjects, activities* or *part of the day* did your child enjoy most in school last year?

What hopes and/or goals do you have for your child this year? (academically, socially, or emotionally)?

Do you have any specific concerns about your child? (academically, socially, emotionally, behaviorally, medically) _____

Is there anything else you would like to share with me about your child?

Grade 1 Supply List

Below is a list of supplies your child will need for school in the fall to help make our classroom run efficiently. I've attached some links below (from Amazon) just for some examples. **The only specific items we use are the writing journals, the write-start crayons, and the tri-write pencils.**

For student:

- Headphones (that cover their ears)
- **Empty** Clorox Wipes container (large size- 1lb. 5.1 oz)
- Spill Proof water bottle
- 1 **red** plastic folder
- 2-pack of sm glue sticks
- My first tri-write pencils- <https://a.co/d/8J3JcXZ> 12 count (\$8.97)
- 1 pack of wedge erasers
- 1 Mr. Clean Magic Eraser
- Pack of thick and/or thin (not ultra thin) dry erase markers
- 2 9"x12" small laundry bags, with a hook <https://a.co/d/7ZPZZgo>- 3-pack (\$6.99)
- 1 Journal for Writing <https://a.co/d/6MVKSw3> - (\$6.29) **These are specific writing journals we use in 1st grade due to the line formation. Standard composition books do not have the appropriate line formation or illustration box, therefore, can not be used.**
- 1-2 packs of Crayola Write Start 1-pack- <https://a.co/d/bC3COyE> (\$6.52) 3-pack- <https://a.co/d/fLT4H1> (\$12.00) **These crayons/colored pencils are thick which helps support children's grips. They also do not break like regular crayons do.**

For Classroom

- Paper Towels
- Tissues

WISH LIST: Extra of anything is always appreciated! Below are a few items I go through very quickly!

- Swiffer Sweeper Wet Mopping Refills, <https://a.co/d/cjr2zgy>
- Wipes
- Paper Towels
- My first tri-write pencils- <https://a.co/d/80Kv1gg> 36 count (\$16.29)
- Tri-write pencils facilitate a proper pencil grasp. The triangular pencils encourage three fingers to hold the three sides with minimal breakage.

Thank you in advance!!
Mrs. Kelly